

CHEVROUX WOOD
PARTLY TAKEN

French Win Important Victory on Front Near-est Paris

GERMAN SHELTERS
WERE DEMOLISHED

And Defenses Were Found Full of German Dead

Paris, May 25.—Part of Chevroix wood was captured last night by the French, it was officially announced to-day. The French found the German shelters demolished and filled with the dead.

AUSTRIANS ADMIT
DEFEAT ON CARSO

But Official Statement Claims That the Italians Suffered Reverses Elsewhere.

London, May 25.—The Austrian official statement Thursday admits Italian successes on the Carso plateau but claims that the Austrians inflicted severe repulses elsewhere.

HOSTILE RAID PUT DOWN.

Only Slight Activity Was Reported By British Last Night.

London, May 25.—The British official communication issued last night was as follows: "A hostile raid attempted early this morning in the neighborhood of Armentieres was driven off with loss by our machine gun fire.

"The activity in the air increased yesterday. A number of fights occurred in which five German machines were brought down by our airplanes. Six other hostile machines were driven out of control. Three of our airplanes are missing."

VIENNA PARLIAMENT
AGAIN MEETING

For the First Time Since the Outbreak of the War, Premier Martini Expresses Hope of Credit to Austria This Year.

Amsterdam, via London, May 25.—A Vienna telegram says that at a meeting of the lower chamber, Premier Martini expressed hope that the conduct of the war this year would be a credit to Austria. He mentioned several important bills to be considered. The telegram indicates that the Austrian Parliament has convened for the first time since the outbreak of the war. In the provincial districts the question of Parliament's sitting has been an acute one.

ITALIANS TAKE HEIGHTS.

Drive North of Jamaia Successful, Says Rome.

Rome, via London, May 25.—Italian troops in an offensive movement from Gorizia have captured the fortified heights north of Jamaia, the war department announced to-day.

BRITISH STORMED
LOOS BUT LOST IT

German Official Statement Says That Counter-Attack Drove the British Out.

Berlin, via London, May 25.—The British last night stormed Loos, but were driven back in a counter-attack, to-day's official statement from the German headquarters staff reports, and adds that later a British reconnoitering party was repulsed.

DODGED U-BOATS.

Ship Carrying Marshal Joffre and Viviani.

Paris, May 25.—The steamer on which Marshal Joffre, former Premier Viviani and the other members of the French mission to the United States returned to France changed her course shortly before reaching port owing to the reported presence of German submarines in the vicinity, according to The Temps yesterday.

The warning, says the newspaper, was received off Ushant, when the wireless reported that one or two German submarines had succeeded in sinking three cargo steamers on the same day in the locality in question.

TO ASSIST UNITED STATES.

Brazil Gets Recommendation to Use Navy.

Rio de Janeiro, May 25.—According to a Brazilian newspaper it was decided at a meeting of the parliamentary and diplomatic committees, called to-day by the foreign minister, to advocate a revocation of Brazilian neutrality and to recommend that the Brazilian navy be used to patrol the south Atlantic as a measure of assisting the United States in her war with Germany.

SENTENCE SUSPENDED

After Being Convicted of Destroying French Flag.

South Merrimac, N. H., May 25.—Paul Younger, a German who has been sentenced to one year in jail and fined \$30 for destroying a French flag. The jail sentence later was suspended. Witnesses testified that Younger saluted the United States flag after destroying the French flag.

88 INDICTMENTS
FOR CONSPIRACY
TO MONOPOLIZE

Corporations and Individuals Are Charged with Trying to Control the Onion Market—Action Brought in Boston.

Boston, May 25.—Eighty-eight corporations and individuals were indicted by the federal grand jury here yesterday for conspiring to monopolize interstate commerce in onions.

The indictments which were returned as a result of a nation-wide inquiry into the cost of food conducted last winter by United States Attorney George W. Anderson of this city allege that the defendants conspired to control the onion market between the territory of the country between them for the purpose of eliminating competition, that maximum prices were fixed for the purchase of onions, and that the supply was hoarded in order to increase prices.

Mr. Anderson estimated that the annual crop of onions amounted to 200,000,000 pounds, three-fourths of which he said was alleged to have been controlled by the defendants. In a statement outlining the case Mr. Anderson said: "The gist of the charge is that the defendants conspired to control the onion market, composed of large onion dealers, who buy up a bulk of the onions of the northern states during the summer and early fall, storing them in warehouses owned or controlled by the various members and putting them upon the market from September to April. The government charges that this association has had a dominating and illegal control of the onion trade for the past three years.

"The government expects to show that as early as September, 1916, at least 75 per cent of the year's crop, then harvested, was in control of the members of this association. The headquarters of the association are at Kenton, O., where the regular annual meeting was held in July. The August meeting was held at Springfield, Mass. Subsequent monthly meetings were held in other parts of the country.

"It is a part of the plan of this association to have monthly meetings in various parts of the country so as to get as large an attendance as possible of members who might otherwise be reached only through the mails. After these monthly meetings, the secretary issues to the members printed 'confidential reports' containing a summary review of the amount of onions available in various producing sections, followed by such suggestions as: 'The bulk of the onion crop is now in the hands of speculators, fully 75 per cent of whom are members of this association.' This report shows that the movement for the entire United States need be only 80 cars per day. The results rest with the members, and by all means arrange to keep onions moving regularly. 'We should not fool ourselves and make this a fictitious value market, but be sure of conditions, and the key to the situation is to keep some moving all the time.'

"For the 1916 crop the producers probably received less than two cents per pound. In mid-winter many of these onions were sold to retailers and through them to consumers at 10 to 15 cents a pound. It is claimed by the government that this tremendous margin between the price paid to the producers and the price paid by the consumer was largely due to the illegal control of the trade exercised by this association."

Among the corporations named in the indictments are: John B. Froy company, Rochester, N. Y.; Jackson-Sobring company, Inc., Middleport, N. Y.; Bridge & Souter company, Inc., Canastota, N. Y.; and C. B. Hoagland & Sons, Williamstown, N. Y.

Separate indictments were returned in many cases against officers of the companies named.

Other indictments include the following: Judson Snyder and Mr. Allerton of Snyder & Allerton, Newark, N. Y.; John Plattschart of East Williamstown, N. Y.; M. J. Barry, Florida, N. Y.; Howard V. Pearsall, Williamstown, N. Y.; and John Van Der Meid, Livonia, N. Y.

CONFEREES AGREE

ON MODIFIED PLAN

Which Will Be Brought Before Congress, Having Been Acceptable to the President.

Washington, D. C., May 25.—The House and Senate conferees have drawn up a so-called modified version of the bill which will be brought before Congress with the consent of the administration that it include the independent bill. It must be accepted by both houses.

The conferees agreed on the Senate amendment to comply with the president's desire to declare an export embargo, designed to prevent the shipment of supplies to Germany through neutrals. The agreement will be presented to-morrow.

The wording of the new section confining the prohibited publication exclusively to military information was also altered, to determine whether information is of value to the enemy.

ANOTHER LOAN TO
GREAT BRITAIN

The \$75,000,000 Made To-day, Brings Total Distribution to the Allies \$745,000,000.

Washington, D. C., May 25.—Another loan of \$75,000,000 was made to Great Britain to-day, bringing the total loaned that country to \$490,000,000 and to all the allies \$745,000,000. The payment of \$75,000,000 also was made to Italy to-day as a part of the \$100,000,000 announced some time ago. Already Italy has arranged to expend \$25,000,000 in America for supplies.

COMSTOCK ARRESTED

In Connection With Alleged Theft of Automobiles.

Braintree, Mass., May 25.—Statements said to have been made by the two men arrested recently in connection with the theft of 12 automobiles have led to the arrest of Charles Comstock of Westminister, Vt., where the stolen cars were disposed of.

HARD BLOWS
AT U-BOATS

Attack Against Them More Effective Than Ever Before

FOOD SITUATION
IS MUCH BETTER

And Premier Lloyd George Makes Encouraging Statement

London, May 25.—The successes against the submarines have resulted in a distinct improvement in the food situation, said Premier Lloyd George to-day in the House of Commons. More effective blows were dealt the submarines in the last three weeks than during any corresponding period.

MAXIMUM PRICES
FOR FOODSTUFFS

Is Plan Being Considered By Cabinet Ministers—Heavy Penalties for Violations.

Paris, May 25.—At a conference attended by the premier, the minister of the interior and the minister of subsistence to-day maximum prices for foodstuffs were considered as a means of preventing food speculation. Severe penalties are to be exacted for all acts tending to hinder distribution of food to consumers.

GOMPERS DECLINES.

Will Not Send Delegates to Stockholm Conference.

Washington, D. C., May 25.—Another effort to get Americans to participate in peace parleys at Stockholm failed yesterday when President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, declined an invitation to send delegates to a Stockholm trade union congress to discuss the claims of labor in connection with peace negotiations.

The reply of Mr. Gompers to the invitation of President Undersecretary of the Dutch Federation of Trades follows: "Long before the United States entered the war, the American Federation of Labor proposed an international conference after the war and at the time and place where the representatives of each government were to meet to determine the treaties and international relations. That proposition was rejected. Now, after the United States is in the war, you propose a conference to be held at Stockholm at same time and place when the so-called international Socialist conference is to be held at Stockholm, and this proposition too, without consultation with trade union centers of the United States and other countries."

"There is no time by which American organized labor could select delegates to attend the Stockholm conference June 6, and I can not see how any good could come from our participation in such a congress at this time."

Federation of Labor officials interpreted the Dutch move as having been prompted by German interests.

FREE PASSING
NOT ALLOWED

Those Going from Windsor, Ont., to Detroit Were Obligated to Satisfy the Officials.

Detroit, Mich., May 25.—All persons from Windsor, Ont., into Detroit to-day were detained by Canadian officials, who thus began a rigid enforcement of a recent Dominion enactment which says that no persons of military age will be permitted to leave the country until they have convinced the officials that they are not seeking to avoid conscription. Many residents of Windsor who are employed in Detroit, were delayed at least an hour.

STEAMSHIP TELA SUNK.

Was Torpedoed Off Coast of England May 2.

New York, May 25.—The British steamship Tela, a vessel of about 7,000 tons, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine May 2 off the English coast, according to twenty members of the crew, who arrived here yesterday. Tela had made but one voyage to this country.

Although the German torpedo, which was fired without warning, tore away almost the entire stern of the ship, none of the 79 men in the crew was injured. The ship was armed. The gun was lifted from its base by the explosion and thrown into the air, coming down amid-ship and crushing through the deck-plates.

The Tela was built in Belfast for the United Fruit company and taken over by the British admiralty at the beginning of the war before she was completed.

New York, May 25.—A British vessel of 3,454 tons, which left New Orleans in the latter part of March, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine April 13, according to two members of the crew, Americans, who arrived here on a Norwegian vessel yesterday.

TWO KILLED ON B. & M.

Joseph Smith and Edward Watson Victims at Newmarket, N. H.

Newmarket, N. H., May 25.—Joseph Smith of Boston and Edward Watson of this town were killed to-day on the tracks of the Boston division of the Boston & Maine railroad. They were walking the track when the engineer saw them. People here identified the remains.

DR. WAITE FIRM
AS HE WENT TO
DEATH IN CHAIR

Convicted of Killing His Wealthy Father-in-Law, the Young Man Went to His End as if Anticipating a Great Adventure.

Ossining, N. Y., May 25.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite was executed at Sing Sing prison at 11:30 o'clock last night for the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

The young dentist walked calmly and with a firm step from his cell to the death chamber accompanied by Rev. A. N. Peterson, Protestant chaplain of the prison. He faltered, however, as he neared the electric chair, but recovered himself quickly and nodded to the group of physicians, prison officials and others who had gathered as witnesses.

Waite submitted quietly to the ordeal of being strapped into the chair and to his death without a word of protest or good-bye. Three shocks were administered within four minutes.

The two hours before his death Waite spent in prayer with his spiritual adviser. Just before 11 o'clock the clergyman asked the condemned man if there was anyone to whom he wished to send a message of farewell.

"No, thank you, doctor," Waite replied with a smile, "there really is no one I know to whom I care to send a farewell message."

"Not even to your mother?" queried Mr. Peterson.

"No sir, to no one," was the answer.

The chaplain declared that Waite, who confessed that he had poisoned his wealthy father-in-law in the expectation that his wife would obtain a large share of the wealthy Mr. Peck's estate, seemed to look upon his approaching doom as a wonderful adventure.

WILSON SETS APART
JUN. 25 AS NATIONAL
RED CROSS WEEK

Calls Upon All the People of the United States to Do Their "Bits" By Giving for the Maintenance of the Red Cross Work.

Washington, D. C., May 25.—In a proclamation to the American people President Wilson to-day designated the week ending June 25 as Red Cross week and urged that during the period generous gifts be made to assist the organization in properly caring for the armed forces of the nation and the administration of relief.

The proclamation points out that every man, woman and child in the United States may do their respective "bits" by giving, in a spirit of patriotic sacrifice, for the maintenance of Red Cross work while a small proportion of the population is serving the nation on the field of battle. The text of the proclamation follows: "Proclamation."

"Inasmuch as our thoughts as a nation are now turned in united purpose towards the performance to the utmost of the services and duties which we have assumed in the cause of justice and liberty:

"Inasmuch as but a small proportion of our people can have the opportunity to serve upon the actual field of battle, but all men, women and children alike may serve and serve effectively by making it possible to care properly for those who do serve under arms at home and abroad:

"And inasmuch as the American Red Cross is the official recognized agency for voluntary effort in behalf of the armed forces of the nation and for the administration of relief,

"Now, therefore, by virtue of my authority as president of the United States and president of the American Red Cross, I, Woodrow Wilson, do hereby proclaim the week ending June 25, 1917, as Red Cross week during which the people of the United States will be called upon to give generously and in a spirit of patriotic sacrifice for the support and maintenance of this work of national need.

(Signed) "Woodrow Wilson."

EXPECT REDUCTION
IN WAR TAX BILL

Bill as Passed By the House Was Taken Up By Senate Finance Committee.

Washington, D. C., May 25.—The two-billion-dollar war tax as proposed in the House bill was the sole subject of consideration at to-day's meeting of the Senate committee. A committee of Republicans and Democrats favored material reductions. Some favored a reduction to one billion and five hundred million, others to one and one-quarter billions and others, still, were for even lower reduction. It seems certain that a substantial reduction will be agreed upon eventually and that short term bonds will be issued to make up the difference.

GERMAN FLEET BUSY
IN THE BALTIC SEA

Violent Cannonade, Lasting Throughout the Night, Heard By Persons Along the Shore.

London, May 25.—Pronounced German naval activity in the Baltic on Tuesday is reported in a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen. Wednesday a violent cannonade lasting throughout the night was heard by persons living along the shore. Houses on southern Danish islands shook from concussions.

SOME DAMAGE DONE

By Airships Which Attacked Fortified Places in Germany.

Berlin, via London, May 25.—To-day the war office announced that airship squadrons on the night of May 23 attacked fortified places in the south of Germany with some success. Despite stubborn defense of the Germans all airships left without sustaining any losses.

WORK ENDED
IN AMERICA

British Mission Left Washington To-day for Canada

BALFOUR EXPRESSES
THANKS TO PEOPLE

Says He Hopes They May Come Again Under Different Conditions

Washington, D. C., May 25.—The British mission left last night for Canada, the state department announced to-day.

In a farewell address to the American people yesterday Foreign Secretary Balfour warmly expressed thanks for the kindness and sympathy with which the British war mission has been received in this country, declared what the United States has accomplished during the war and the actual way in which public life is and must be carried on in free countries.

"I think what has been accomplished in these 40 days is most remarkable," he said. "It is quite true that the executive government has been delayed by the fact that certain measures placed before Congress took time to pass, some of them have not yet passed. But who is it that supposes that representative assemblies are going to make great and new departures in public policy solely at the waving of a wand? Such expectations are vain. It is useless to entertain them."

ARRIVAL AT NIAGARA.

Balfour Party Was Escorted to Canadian Line by Americans.

Niagara Falls, Ont., May 25.—The British war mission, which left Washington last night, entered Canada this morning. The Balfour party was accompanied by Americans to the middle of the international suspension bridge, where they were greeted by Canadian officials. They planned to leave here this afternoon for Toronto.

ITALIAN MISSION
LEAVES WASHINGTON

Destination of the Members Was Not Announced as a Measure of Safety.

Washington, D. C., May 25.—The Italian mission completed its duties here last night and left quietly on a special train, the destination not being announced. The departure of the mission was without fanfare or publicity at the request of the government as a measure of safety. In a statement to-day the patriotism of the American newspapers for voluntary censorship was widely commended.

FOR SOLDIERS' WELFARE.

Vermont Knights of Columbus Arranging Plans.

Burlington, May 25.—Representatives from the 12 councils of Knights of Columbus met in Knights of Columbus hall in this city yesterday afternoon to take action on the resolution passed at the state convention of the Knights of Columbus recently held in Bellows Falls.

The resolution provided for a central committee to carry out plans for the welfare of the soldiers in the army and navy. The committee to be composed of the grand knights of the various councils in the state.

All councils, with the exception of three, were yesterday represented by their grand knights, there being some one from each of the 12 councils present, grand knights who could not be present appointing a delegate. It was decided to follow the plans initiated by the supreme council at the Mexican border. Details will be announced later.

Those present at the meeting yesterday were: S. S. Driscoll of St. Albans state deputy, who presided over the meeting; Grand Knights T. B. Wright of Burlington, J. L. Dempsey of St. Albans, F. H. Brown of Montpelier, John Hartigan of Barre, A. T. Molloy of St. Johnsbury, J. P. Hinks of Middlebury, J. J. Eckels of Brattleboro and W. L. Gallagher of Hardwick. Mayor Henry Brislin represented the council at Rutland. Mr. Grace represented the Fair Haven council and the Brattleboro council was represented by Mr. Long.

SENTENCES STAYED.

In Case of Two Persons Who Circulated Birth Control Literature.

Boston, Mass., May 25.—Two persons convicted several months ago for circulating birth control literature and sentenced each to two months in the house of correction were granted stays of execution in supreme court to-day, the verdict of the lower court being overruled. Execution of sentence was suspended for the time-being.

LES DARCY DEAD.

Australian Pugilist Succumbed to Pneumonia at Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., May 25.—Les Darcy, the Australian pugilist, died at a hospital here yesterday afternoon from pneumonia. He had been ill more than a month.

GRAND LIST ON FILE.

It is Available to Barre Public Until June 1.

Assessors of Barre finished another lap in their spring reckoning with the taxpayers last night when an abstract of the 1917 grand list was placed on file in their office at city hall. Obedient to the statutory provision the abstract will be available for perusal until June 1 and in the time intervening taxpayers may examine their list and protest to the assessors if they feel that the appraisal is not correct. After June 1 all grievances must be carried before the board of civil authority for rehearsal.

Completion of the year's returns finds Barre with a crop of maple sugar somewhat above the average. There are 1,300 maple trees in the city limits, according to the assessors, and 350 trees were tapped. City sugar makers made 400 pounds of sugar, as against 300 pounds in 1916, and 40 gallons of maple syrup, a gain of 12 gallons. As some of the more pessimistic citizens are asserting that winter is still with us, there is a possibility that more sugar may be made before the buckets are gathered here in the city.

There are 450 horses in the city and 140 cows, other neat stock numbering 40 heads. If it is to be believed that the ordinances are being enforced to the letter Barre is a wineless city, but the records of the assessors indicate that the census taker found 50 hogs in his travels. Two goats, one of which belonged to the Kaiser before it appeared in Barre's patriotic parade last Saturday, are figured under the head of three sheep. There are 360 acres of tillage land in the city and this year, probably more than ever before, there are intensive farmers ready to work the land.

DISCUSSED MILITARY MATTERS.

Vermont Uniform Rank, K. of P., Officers in Barre.

Nearly 30 officers of the first regiment of Vermont, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, met in the rooms of Vincetta lodge yesterday for a business meeting, military instruction and a 6 o'clock supper. Col. C. M. Willey of this city presided and he was assisted by Lieut. Col. J. G. Hoyt of St. Albans. Much was made of the military opportunities of the Uniform Rank, in the light of late international developments and after it had been voted to hold the next annual encampment at St. Johnsbury it was also decided to enforce strict military discipline in the camp. The encampment will be held Aug. 4-8, inclusive. The following companies were represented at the conference: St. Johnsbury, St. Albans, Burlington, Barre, Bellows Falls, Marshfield and Lyndonville.

A local committee had charge of the commissary at 6 o'clock and a substantial supper was set before a company of 30 officers. An informal after-dinner program Col. Willey presided and among the responses was that of Col. N. J. Roberts of the major general's staff. War with Germany has served to stimulate interest in the Uniform Rank and many of its members are showing much zeal in setting about to improve their knowledge of things military. It is possible that an officer from the National Guard or the regular army will be detailed to assist in the August encampment.

Adjournment of the meeting was taken soon after 9 o'clock, as number of the delegates were returning to their homes at 9:30. Others left the city this morning.

HAD BAYONET CHARGE.

Straw Dummies Were Used for "Enemy" at Plattsburg.

Plattsburg, N. Y., May 25.—Bayonet drill along the lines of the charges made by the French and British soldiers in the present war was held for the first time at the officers' training camp here yesterday afternoon. Straw dummies were used to represent the "enemy" in the thrusting exercise.

Major H. P. Tibbotts, Capt. J. L. De Witt and Capt. C. C. Mastaler have been appointed an official board by the camp commander, to investigate a fight in one of the mess halls during the supper hour Wednesday afternoon. H. H. Miller of Portland, Me., and Thomas E. Joyce of Waterville, Me., were the participants. One of the two men suffered a broken jaw and both probably will be dismissed from the camp.

DRAFT RIOTS IN CANADA.

20,000 French Canadians Protest Against Conscription in Open Air Meetings.

Montreal, May 25.—More than 20,000 French Canadians raised their voices against conscription here at open air meetings Wednesday night which later turned into several small riots in which several citizens were beaten and the plate glass windows in two French newspaper offices, La Presse and La Patrie, were smashed.

Thousands of anti-conscriptionists yesterday marched through the streets of Montreal with banners bearing inscriptions of "Down with Conscription." "We Want Justice and a Referendum Before Conscription." Several street riots broke out and no great amount of damage has been done.

GUESTS AT WHITE HOUSE.

Prince Udine and Other Members of Italian Mission.

Washington, D. C., May 25.—The prince of Udine and other members of the Italian war mission were the guests of President Wilson at a state dinner at the White House last night, closing a day spent by the visitors in receiving honors similar to those conferred on their British and French predecessors, and in making the acquaintance of the American officials with whom they will negotiate during the coming month.

In addition to the president and Mrs. Wilson, the members of the mission and the Italian ambassador, the guest list at the dinner included the members of the cabinet and their wives, Chief Justice White, Senator Sausbury, president pro tem of the Senate, Speaker Clark of the House, Senators Gallinger and Martin, Representatives Mann, Fitzgerald and Rainey, Counsellor Polk and Assistant Secretary Phillips of the state department.

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WOMAN SEEKS
HEART BALM

Widow Claims Agreement to Marry by Merri-ell of Montpelier

ACQUAINTANCE WAS
MADE ON TRAIN

Pearl L. Fuller of Denver Is Plaintiff in \$10,000 Suit

A breach of promise suit for \$10,000 has been brought by Theriault & Hunt, Montpelier attorneys, for Pearl L. Fuller of Denver, Colo., against Merrill Russell of 163 State street, Montpelier. Service has not yet been made against the defendant because he is on his way home from Fresno, Cal., where he went early in the winter.

The case is the result of an acquaintance formed on his trip to California last January, after he had completed his duties as rural mail carrier from the Montpelier postoffice following the death of his wife. The plaintiff was on her way to her Denver home, being accompanied by her brother. She is a widow and about 30 years of age. The defendant is well over 60.

According to information given by the plaintiff's attorneys this morning the parties stopped at Salt Lake City for a few days and it is alleged that the marriage agreement was made at that time, the time for the ceremony being fixed for this spring. Mr. Russell continued on to Fresno, but corresponded with the woman. Some weeks ago the correspondence was discontinued and the suit was brought. Letters written by the defendant to the plaintiff are expected to have considerable to do with the case in the event that it comes to a trial.

NOT GUILTY OF FRAUD.

D. H. Bennett, Former Bridport Postmaster, Acquitted.

Windsor, May 25.—The jury hearing the case of the United States against D. H. Bennett, formerly postmaster at Bridport, who was charged with defrauding the government out of something over \$1700 by padding his stamp cancellation record, on trial in federal court since Monday, returned a verdict at 10 o'clock last night of not guilty.

The postoffice at Bridport is of the fourth class, the postmaster's salary being based on the number of stamps cancelled by him. An inspector charged that Mr. Bennett padded his records. Among the witnesses called were Postmaster Calhoun of Middlebury, Assistant Postmaster P. J. Garvey of Burlington and the present postmaster at Bridport.

The defense introduced a large number of character witnesses, including some of the most prominent people in the town. United States District Attorney V. A. Bullard of Burlington prosecuted and Mr. Bennett was defended by Attorneys R. E. Brown of Burlington and J. B. Donaway of Middlebury.

The jury received the case at 5 o'clock and after five hours' deliberation, returned a verdict acquitting the respondent.

HAD BAYONET CHARGE.